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FOR THE YEAR ENDED
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ANNUAL REPORT
OF THE
MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH

for the year ended 31st December, 1955.

The Public Health Officers of the District are :

MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH
T. W. BRINDLE, M.B., CH.B., D.P.H.

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ROBERT WM. MUSK, M.S.I.A.
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Members of the Public Health and Water Committee :
(As at 31st December, 1955)

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Public Health Department,
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Bredbury.
6th September, 1956

To the Chairman and Members of the Bredbury and Romiley Urban District Council

ANNUAL REPORT, 1955

Mr. Chairman, Lady and Gentlemen,

I have the honour to present my report on the health of the Urban District of Bredbury and Romiley for the year ended December 31st, 1955.

There was an increase in population over the previous year although there were fewer births than in any of the last twenty-one years. There were four fewer deaths than in the previous year. The infantile death rate and still-birth rate both remained satisfactory.

In the early part of the year there was an outbreak of measles of moderate severity. Notifications of scarlet fever cases were fewer than in 1954, but there was an increased number of cases of whooping-cough. There was an outbreak of food-poisoning at a school in the area, in which 107 pupils were affected. The cause of the outbreak was discovered and recommendations made with a view to prevention of similar outbreaks. Once again there was no case of diphtheria and we were fortunate in having no cases of infantile paralysis. There were nine new cases of pulmonary tuberculosis and one new case of non-pulmonary tuberculosis. There were no deaths from either form of the disease.

The Council's proposals for dealing with insanitary property in the district were submitted to the Ministry of Housing and Local Government. The first year's programme has been agreed and progress made in the preparation of schemes.

Sections C. D and E, which deal with the duties normally undertaken by the Sanitary Inspectors have been prepared by the Senior Sanitary Inspector, to whom I am indebted for his help.

In conclusion, I should like to thank the Chairman and Members of the Council and the Officers of the Council for their valuable help so readily given to me at all times during the year.

I remain,

Yours faithfully,

T. W. BRINDLE.
Medical Officer of Health.

SECTION A

STATISTICS AND SOCIAL CONDITIONS OF THE AREA—1955

Area in Acres :—

Bredbury South Ward	1,426
Bredbury North Ward	907
Romiley Ward	1,290
Compstall Ward	672
Total Acreage of Urban District ...	4,295

Estimated population at mid-year 1955 ...	18,170
Rateable value, December, 1955 ...	£117,201
Estimated Product of a Penny Rate ...	£465
New houses entered in rate book during 1955	161

(a) Birth 1944-1955

Year	(estimated) Population to Mid-year	LIVE BIRTHS Total	Legitimate	Illegitimate	Rate per 1000 pop	STILL BIRTHS Total	Legitimate	Illegitimate	Rate per 1000 pop	Rate per 1,000 Live and Still births
1944	15,910	307	298	9	19.0	11	11	—	0.68	34.59
1945	15,960	309	295	14	19.31	6	6	—	0.37	19.04
1946	16,780	307	290	17	18.30	13	13	—	0.77	40.62
1947	17,110	352	338	14	20.57	7	7	—	0.45	19.50
1948	17,420	265	260	5	15.21	8	7	—	0.45	28.30
1949	17,570	299	290	9	17.25	7	7	1	0.40	13.20
1950	17,800	244	239	5	13.7	6	5	1	0.34	24.0
1951	17,800	255	249	6	14.32	2	2	—	0.11	7.78
1952	17,630	228	220	8	12.93	7	7	—	0.39	29.78
1953	17,590	258	251	7	14.67	4	4	—	0.23	15.27
1954	17,990	236	231	5	13.12	4	4	—	0.22	16.66
1955	18,170	208	204	4	11.45	5	5	—	0.27	23.47

ENGLAND AND WALES :—

LIVE BIRTH RATE
Per 1,000 population :
1954 ... 15.2
1955 ... 15.0

STILL BIRTH RATE
Per 1,000 Live and Still Births :
1954 ... 24.0
1955 ... 23.1

(b) Deaths 1944-1955

Year	Population (estimated) Mid-year	Total Deaths at all ages, all causes	Death Rate per 1,000 population	Total Infant Deaths	Infant Death Rate per 1,000 Live Births	Total Maternal Deaths
1944	15,910	180	11.25	21	71.70	—
1945	15,960	192	12.03	11	57.61	—
1946	16,780	184	10.97	6	19.54	1
1947	17,110	208	12.16	13	20.98	—
1948	17,420	165	9.47	3	11.32	—
1949	17,570	207	11.21	7	23.10	—
1950	17,800	193	10.80	8	32.80	—
1951	17,800	249	13.98	6	23.52	—
1952	17,630	204	11.57	6	26.32	—
1953	17,590	186	10.57	5	19.38	—
1954	17,990	187	10.39	5	21.19	—
1955	18,170	183	10.07	3	14.42	—

ENGLAND AND WALES :—

Death Rate per 1,000 population	1955 ...	11.7
" " " " "	1954 ...	11.3
Infant Death Rate per 1,000 Live Births	1955 ...	24.9
" " " " " " "	1954 ...	25.5

CLASSIFICATION OF DEATHS

No.	Cause of Death	1953 Male	1953 Female	1954 Male	1954 Female	1955 Male	1955 Female
1	Tuberculosis, respiratory	1	—	1	—	—	—
2	Tuberculosis. other	—	—	—	2	—	—
3	Syphilitic Diseases	1	—	—	—	—	—
4	Diphtheria	—	—	—	—	—	—
5	Whooping Cough	—	—	—	—	—	—
6	Meningococcal Infections	—	—	—	—	—	—
7	Acute Poliomyelitis	—	—	—	—	—	—
8	Measles	—	—	—	—	—	—
9	Other Infective and Parisitic Disease	—	—	—	1	—	1
10	Malignant Neoplasm, Stomach	3	—	1	3	2	1
11	Malignant Neoplasm, Lung Bronchus	7	—	3	—	9	—
12	Malignant Neoplasm, Breast	—	3	—	3	—	5
13	Malignant Neoplasm, Uterus	—	3	—	2	—	1
14	Other Malignant & Lymphatic Neoplasms	15	11	7	9	13	12
15	Leukaemia, Aleukaemia	—	1	1	1	2	—
16	Diabetes	1	1	1	2	—	3
17	Vascular Lesions of Nervous System	11	13	10	15	11	10
18	Coronary Disease, Angina	17	6	18	9	21	8
19	Hypertension with Heart Disease	2	4	4	2	—	4
20	Other Heart Disease	17	17	18	13	10	14
21	Other Circulatory Disease	10	1	2	4	1	3
22	Influenza	1	2	—	2	2	—
23	Pneumonia	—	1	4	—	2	3
24	Bronchitis	3	4	13	8	12	2
25	Other Diseases of Respiratory System	1	1	1	—	1	—
26	Ulcer of Stomach and Duodenum	2	1	3	—	2	—
27	Gastritis, Enteritis and Diarrhoea	—	1	—	1	—	—
28	Nephritis and Nephrosis	—	2	—	2	2	2
29	Hyperplasia of prostrate	2	—	2	—	—	—
30	Pregnancy, Childbirth, Abortion	—	—	—	—	—	—
31	Congenital Malformations	—	1	—	—	1	1
32	Other Defined and Ill-Defined Diseases	9	6	8	7	5	9
33	Motor Vehicle Accidents	—	—	2	—	1	—
34	All Other Accidents	1	2	2	—	2	2
35	Suicide	1	—	—	—	—	3
36	Homicide and Operations of War	—	—	—	—	—	—
	All Causes	105	81	101	86	99	84

SECTION B

GENERAL PROVISION OF HEALTH SERVICES IN THE AREA

Laboratory Facilities. Examinations of Food, Milk, Water, Ice Cream and materials from patients, are carried out by the Public Health Laboratory, Monsall Hospital, Manchester (since 5th July, 1945). In addition bacteriological examinations are carried out when necessary at the Pathological Laboratory, Stepping Hill.

The following services are provided by the Local Health Authority and administered by the North East Cheshire Divisional Health Committee.

Ambulance Facilities. A 24-hour Ambulance Service is available, being provided by the Hyde Divisional Health Committee. In addition a sitting case car is provided.

Nursing in the Home. There are three District Nurses in the Area who undertake general nursing and maternity work and one who practices midwifery only.

Home Help Service. Home Helps have assisted during the year in the following cases in the Bredbury and Romiley Urban District.

Miscellaneous Sickness	7
Confinement	10
Tuberculosis	—
Chronic Sick including aged and infirm	52
Total...	69

Infant Welfare Centres. Sessions are held weekly at the Bredbury Centre, Lower Bents Lane; and at the Romiley Centre, Leyfield Avenue. Attendances during the year were as follows:—

	New Cases		Total Attendances		
Centre	0—1 year	1—5 years	0—1 year	1—2 years	2—5 years
Bredbury	110	—	1822	510	374
Romiley	38	—	515	259	186

Ante-Natal Clinics. A Clinic session is held at the Bredbury Centre each week and attendances during the year are given below.

New Cases	156
Total Attendances	566

School Clinic. Held weekly at the Bredbury and Romiley Centres. The school dentist attends at the Dental Centre at the Bredbury Clinic.

Diphtheria and Whooping Cough Immunisation. Special Clinics are held for this purpose once a month at the Bredbury and Romiley Centres. In addition immunisation is carried out free of charge by general medical practitioners.

Services Provided by the Regional Hospital Board

Hospitals. There is no hospital within the Urban District, and patients from this area are admitted to hospitals in neighbouring districts. Maternity cases requiring hospital accommodation are also admitted to hospitals outside the area. Where necessary, infectious disease cases other than smallpox are admitted to the Stockport Isolation Hospital. Facilities for smallpox cases are provided at Ellswick Leys Smallpox Hospital, Lancashire, and, at Ainsworth Smallpox Hospital, near Bury.

Tuberculosis and Venereal Diseases. Special Clinics for the diagnosis and treatment of Tuberculosis and Venereal Diseases are held at Great Egerton Street, Stockport.

LIST OF ADOPTIVE ACTS AND BYE-LAWS IN FORCE IN THE DISTRICT

Bye-laws

1	Common Lodging Houses (None Existing)	Confirmed	11th October, 1886
2	Slaughter Houses	,,	11th May, 1916
3	Nuisances	,,	11th October, 1886
4	New Streets	,,	19th August, 1926
5	Recreation Grounds	,,	5th January 1922
6	Houses let in Lodgings	,,	24th January, 1934
7	Allotment Rules	,,	17th July, 1922
8	Slaughter of Animals Act, 1933 ...	,,	4th December, 1933
9	Food and Drugs Act, 1938 (Section 15)	,,	1st September, 1950
10	Buildings-Public Health Act, 1936 ...	,,	18th June, 1953
11	Local Government Act, 1933 (Section 249)	,,	14th August, 1954

For the Good Rule and Government of the Administrative County of Chester, made by Cheshire County Council with resect to the fouling of footpaths by dogs.

Acts

Public Health Acts Amendment Act, 1890. Adopted 25th November, 1896. Came into operation, 1st January, 1897.

Local Government Act, 1894. Order made by L.G.B. on 17th October, 1898, conferring on the Council the power of appointing future Assistant Overseers; powers, duties and liabilities of the Vestry in each parish; powers, etc., of Overseers; certain powers of a Parish Council not already vested in the Council, viz.:—Acquisition by agreement of rights of way, and powers of directing in what custody the books, writings, papers and documents of each Parish shall be deposited.

Small Dwellings Acquisition Act, 1899.
Adopted 31st January, 1900. Advances made.

Public Health Acts Amendment Act, 1907. L.G.B. issued orders on 27th September, 1909, declaring Parts II, III and V, Sections 52 to 66 inclusive, and Section 68 of Part IV and Sections 93 and 95 of Part X, to be in force in the district on and after 15th November, 1909.

Public Health Act, 1925. Part II (with the exception of Sections 21 and 22). Part III (except Section 44) and Part IV were adopted by the Council on the 24th May, 1926, and came into effect on the 14th July, 1926. The Minister gave his consent to the adoptions of Sections 21 and 22 and Part V with effect from the 2nd August, 1926.

Provisional Orders.

(1) For extending Bredbury, etc., 19th July, 1880. 13th September, 1902, Brinnington added to Bredbury.

(2) (a) Land at Lower Bredbury for Sewage Disposal, 3rd July, 1894.
(b) Land at Lower Bredbury for Pumping Station, 15th July, 1897.

(3) The Tramways Order Confirmation (No. 1) Act, 1900. (Bredbury and Romiley U.D.C. Tramways Order, 1900).

County of Chester Review Order, 1936. Part U.D. of Compstall added, to Bredbury and Romiley.

Housing Act, 1949. The Council make Advances, Guarantees and Improvement Grants under the provisions of this Act.

Cheshire County Council Act, 1953. The Act confers further powers on the Cheshire County Council and Local Authorities in the Administrative County of Chester, in relation to Lands and Highways and, the Local Government Improvement, Health and Finances of the County; to enact provisions with respect to Hairdressers' and Barbers' premises and Public Entertainment; to make further provision for the Superannuation of Employees; and for other purposes.

The main provisions of the Act came into force on 31st July, 1953. The Council, by Resolution, adopted Sections 70, 87, 115, 116, 132, 144, 145, 147(2), 148 and the powers contained in Sections 98 and 126(6) to come into operation on 1st December, 1954.

MORTUARIES

There is a modern and well equipped, morturary situated at the Highfield Cemetery.

SECTION C

SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE AREA

WATER SUPPLY

The Council is the Water Authority.

A bulk supply is obtained from the Stockport Corporation Water Department, from the Goyt, Kinder, Lyme Park and Longdendale sources.

There are no supplies by means of stand pipes. All supplies are direct to houses.

The water supply of the area and of its several parts has been mostly satisfactory: (a) in quality; (b) in quantity, although it was necessary at the end of the year following the dry summer and, autumn to appeal for strict economy in the use of water.

The supply from Longdendale enters the district from Haughton Green and serves only a small part of the area, mainly Mill Lane and Woodlands Housing Estates. Attention has been previously drawn to the fact that this water shows plumbo-solvency to an undesirable degree.

Houses without Public Water Supply

Bredbury District (Wells and Springs, etc.) ...	26
Romiley „ „ „ ...	9
Compstall	58

Meteorological Information

Total rainfall for year	21.96 inches
Maximum rainfall in 24 hours on 18th October	0.85 inches.

The rainfall for 1954 was 38.46 and, 25.90 for 1953.

PUBLIC CLEANSING

Refuse Collection. During 1955 the outdoor staff consisted of:—

3 Driver-Loaders	1 Tip Man
10 Loaders	1 Salvage Baler (Hand Press)

A seven day collection is aimed at, but owing to shortage of labour due to sickness, the routine was unavoidably upset. In small authorities it is impossible to employ sufficient men to maintain a reserve upon which to call in the event of an emergency. Sickness, absenteeism and holidays have a damaging effect upon a regular collection, which is difficult to overcome as casual labour is now practically unavailable.

Refuse Disposal. Refuse is disposed of by controlled tipping on the Ashton Road site, Bredbury. The tip is treated regularly with good results, D.D.T. powder being used for crickets and beetles. The tip was also sprayed for insects with an Insect Exterminator. Regular disinfestation by the Rodent Operative has kept rats down to a minimum.

Salvage. Weight of salvage collected during 1955 was:—

	tons	cwts.	qtrs.			£	s.	d.
Waste Paper	204	0	3	...	...	1,695	9	11
Rags, Carpets and Sacking, etc. ...	10	4	2	...	...	184	1	0
Scrap Metal	10	13	1	...	...	94	14	9
Total for 1954 ...	224	18	2	...	...	£1,974	5	8

Details of materials salvaged during last five years

	1951		1952		1953		1954		1955	
	tons	price £	tons	price £	tons	price £	tons	price £	tons	price £
Paper	93¼	1321	129	950	154½	858	185	1203	204	1695
Rags, Carpets, etc	9½	145	6¼	155	7½	150	7	142	10¼	184
Scrap Metal	4	16	9	40	7	32	6½	22	10½	95
Totals	106¾	1482	144¼	1145	169	1040	198½	1367	224¾	1974

Petroleum (Regulations) Act, 1928 and 1936

Duties in connection with the storage of petroleum are carried out by the Health Department under the above Acts.

Number of licences issued to store petrol during 1955 ...	32
Total quantity of petrol covered by licences ...	73,750 gals.
Total amount of fees paid	£28 5 0

Litter. Posters "Keep Britain Tidy" were exhibited on the Refuse vehicles and smaller notices affixed to all waste paper baskets during the summer months.

HOUSE REFUSE COLLECTION

	1946	1947	1948	1949	1950	1951	1952	1953	1954	1955
Loads	2253	2478	2856	3005	2610	2887	2840	2905	2835	2899
Ashpits	901	937	996	949	907	1065	992	559	392	411
Ashbins	113175	124774	171265	152826	151036	154234	161532	166845	160489	178364
Pails	9916	10128	100761	10266	10004	9967	11244	11599	11328	11571
Cesspools ..	21	20	20	19	19	19	21	17	19	17

SWIMMING BATHS

There are no public or privately owned swimming baths or pools in the district of Bredbury and Romiley. Residents of this area use the public baths in the neighbouring areas of Marple, Hyde and Stockport.

CLOSET ACCOMMODATION

1955		1954
6330	Flush Water Closets	6230
220	Waste Water Closets	222
220	Pail Closets	220
19	Wet Privies	19
16	Dry Ashpits	16
6358	Sanitary Ashbins	6283
26	Septic Tanks	23

PLACES OF ENTERTAINMENT

The sanitary accommodation of thirteen Public Halls, Cinemas, etc., was inspected, all complied with the regulations, and certificates were granted by the Council.

SMOKE ABATEMENT

The Council are members of the National Smoke Abatement Society and the Manchester and District Regional Smoke Abatement Committe. The latter Committee comprises Local Authorities within a radius of 15 miles from Manchester.

During the year 19 observations were made of factory chimneys in the district. Where excessive smoke emission was found, the factory was visited by an officer of the Council for the purpose of warning and giving instruction with a view to abating the nuisance.

Whilst it is appreciated that in some instances the supply of unsuitable fuel may increase the difficulties of preventing smoke emission from factory chimneys, there is no doubt that atmospheric pollution from this source could be very greatly reduced. Every effort will be made to eradicate this dangerous nuisance, if possible as a result of co-operation with factory managements thus avoiding the necessity for legal action.

RODENT CONTROL

The Council employs one Rodent Operative. All types of properties have been inspected during the year and treatments carried out where infestations were discovered.

The Council's refuse tip at Ashton Road and the sewage works were treated periodically. There were two sewer treatments and a 10% test during the year.

Summary of Work Done in 1955

	Local Authority		Private		Business		Total
No. of Inspections carried out	61		210		140		411
	Rats	Mice	Rats	Mice	Rats	Mice	
No. of Treatments	10	—	50	32	27	8	127
No. of bodies found	13	—	69	39	62	30	213

Warfarin has been used in all treatments other than sewers.
Permanent baiting points are maintained at some premises.

Sewer Treatments

Date	Number of Manholes	Number Infested
3-1-55	78 (10% Test)	10
7-2-55	115	20
4-7-55	145	16

Agricultural Properties

18 farms were inspected.

SECTION D

HOUSING

1 Inspection of Dwelling Houses during the Year

(1) (a)	Total number of houses inspected for housing defects (under the Public Health Act and Housing Act) ...	332
(b)	Number of inspections made for the purposes	480
(2) (a)	Number of dwelling houses included in (1)(a) which were inspected, and recorded under Section 5, Housing Act, 1936	68
(b)	Number of inspections made for the purpose	73
(3)	Number of dwelling houses found to be in such a state as to be unfit for human habitation	3
(4)	Number of dwelling houses found not be in all respects fit for human habitation	76

Remedy of Defects without service of Formal Notice

Number of houses rendered fit	57

2 Action under Statutory Power

(1)	Proceedings under Sections 9, 10 and 16, Housing Act, 1936:—	
(a)	Number of dwelling houses in respect of which notices were served requiring repairs	1
(b)	Number of houses rendered fit after service of Formal Notice (including notices served prior to 1955)	1
(2)	**Proceedings under Sections 11 and 13 Housing Act, 1936**	
(a)	Number of houses in respect of which demolition orders were made	—
(b)	Number of dwelling houses demolished in pursuance of demolition orders	1
(c)	Number of dwelling houses closed, Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act, 1953, Section 10 ...	3
(3)	**Proceedings under Public Health Acts**	
(a)	Number of dwelling houses in respect of which notices were served requiring defects to be remedied	5
(b)	Number of dwelling houses in respect of which defects were remedied after service of Formal Notice (including notices served prior to 1955)	16

HOUSING DEVELOPMENT

Pre-war Houses (owned by Council)	613
House Subsidised 1923 Act, Private Enterprise	280
Advances made in respect of houses	32
Houses and flats built since 1945 (by Council) ...	780
Houses erected—Private Enterprise (since 1945) ...	149

SECTION E

INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF MEAT AND OTHER FOODS

(1) Meat Inspection

There are six licensed slaughter houses in the Urban District. All animals slaughtered on these premises are inspected by the council's inspectors. Details are given in the following table.

Statistical Details of the work undertaken during the year as follows:

	Cattle Excluding Cows	Cows	Calves	Sheep and Lambs	Pigs
No. Inspected	492	492	51	3821	319
No. Condemned					
All Diseases except Tuberculosis					
Whole Carcases Condemned	—	—	—	—	—
Carcases of which some part or organ was Condemned	22	26	—	26	2
Percentage affected with disease other than T.B.	4.47%	5.28%	—	0.68%	0.63%
Tuberculosis only					
Whole Carcases Condemned	—	—	—	—	—
Carcases of which some part or organ was Condemned	16	72	—	—	6
Percentage affected with Tuberculosis	3.25%	14.64%	—	—	1.88%
Cysticercosis					
Carcases of which some part or organ was Condemned	1	—	—	—	—
Carcases submitted to Treatment by Refrigeration	1	—	—	—	—
Generalised and totally Condemned	—	—	—	—	—

(2) **Food Inspection**

During routine visits to Food Premises, quantities of meat and other foods were examined and found to be fit for human consumption.

The following foodstuffs were, however, condemned as being unfit for human food and accordingly voluntarily surrendered to the Inspector concerned:

Tinned	Chicken	1 tin
„	Corned Beef	104 lb.
„	Fruit Cocktail	9 tins
„	Grapefruit	11 „
„	Ham	47½ lb.
„	Milk	65 tins
„	Oats	50 lb.
„	Peaches	60 tins
„	Pears	51 „
„	Peas	33 „
„	Pineapple	53 „
„	Pork Luncheon Meat ...	8 „
„	Salmon	20 „
„	Stewed Steak	65 „
„	Tomatoes	7 „
„	Tongue, Calves	1 „
„	„ Ox	29 lb.
„	Veal	4 „
Raw	Meat	109 „
„	Mutton	72 „

Food Poisoning

During the year, 108 notifications of Food Poisoning were received.

Total Cases	108
Number of unidentified cases	1
Cases due to identified agents	107

Outbreaks

There was one outbreak of food poisoning affecting 107 pupils at a school in the district. The causal organism was identified.

(3) **Sampling for Adulterated Foods**

The Chief Inspector (Mr. Stacey Hallard) Weights and Measure Department, Cheshire County Council, reports on the number and types of samples obtained in the Urban District and submitted to the Public Analyst during the year ended 31st December, 1955, as follows:

Sample	No. obtained	Genuine	Adulterated
Arrowroot	1	1	—
Breadcrumbs, Golden ...	1	1	—
Dripping	1	1	—
Epsom Salts	1	1	—
Lard, Pure	1	1	—
Liquorice Powder ...	1	1	—
Milks	23	23	—
Oatmeal, Scotch, Coarse	1	1	—
Sweets, Bubble Gum ...	1	1	—
,, Liquorice Bars ...	1	1	—
Table Jelly, Vanilla flavour	1	1	—
	33	33	Nil

(4) **Manufacture and Sale of Ice Cream**

There are forty-four premises registered for the sale or the storage of ice cream intended for sale within the district.

MILK SUPPLY

With the inception of the Food and Drugs (Milk and Dairies) Act, 1944, on the 1st October, 1949, responsibility for the supervision of the production of milk was transferred from Local Authorities to the Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries. The distribution of milk continues to be supervised by the Local Authority's Officers.

At 31st December, 1955 there were 2 Milk Distributors and 2 Dairies other than Dairy Farms on our Registers.

Samples of milk were procured at the dairies and "in course of delivery" for bacteriological examinations and biological testing.

The following table gives details of the 7 samples taken during the year:

Methylene Blue Test		Turbidity Test		Phosphatase Test		Biological Test	
Passed	Failed	Passed	Failed	Passed	Failed	Positive	Negative
4	—	—	—	3	—	—	5

Milk (Special Designations) Regulations, 1949

The following Licences under the above Regulations were granted during the year:

DEALERS	
Pasteurised	5
Sterilised	24
SUPPLEMENTARY	
Tuberculin Tested	4
Pasteurised	4
Sterilised	5

SECTION F

PREVALENCE AND CONTROL OVER INFECTIOUS DISEASES

The following table shows the number of Infectious Diseases notified during 1955.

Disease	No.
Scarlet Fever	32
Small Pox	—
Diphtheria	—
Enteric (including Paratyphoid Fever)	—
Erysipelas	1
Acute Poliomyelitis	—
Ophthalmia Neonatorum	—
Pneumonia	3
Cerebro Spinal Fever	—
Dysentery	2
Measles	226
Whooping Cough	26
Encephalitis Lethargica	—
Food Poisoning	108
Puerperal Pyrexia	—
Meningitis	1
Total ...	399

ANALYSIS OF AGE PERIODS (ALL DISEASES - 1955)

Diseases	Total No.	under 1 yr.	1-2 years	3-4 years	5-9 years	10-14 years	15-24 years	25 and over	age unknown
Scarlet Fever	32	—	—	6	26	—	—	—	—
Whooping Cough	26	6	5	3	12	—	—	—	—
Measles	226	5	41	48	130	—	—	2	—
Ac. Poliomyelitis...	Nil	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Totals ...	284	11	46	57	168	—	—	2	—

	Total No.	under 5 years	5-14 years	15-44 years	45-64 years	65 and over	age unknown
Pneumonia	3	—	1	—	2	—	—
Food, Poisoning ...	108	1	101	6	—	—	—
Meningitis	1	1	—	—	—	—	—
Totals ...	112	2	102	6	2	—	—

Vaccination

Age at	Number Vaccinated
under 5	80
5-14	5
15 and over	10
	95

Re-Vaccination

Age at	Number Vaccinated
under 5	2
5-14	1
15 and over	13
	16

Diphtheria Immunisation

Age at	Number Immunised
under 5	135
5-14	27
15 and over	—
	162
Re-Immunised	309

Whooping Cough Immunisation

Age at	Number Immunised
under 5	118
5-14	7
15 and over	—
	125

TUBERCULOSIS

(a) **Cases on Register**

	MALES		FEMALES		
	Pulmonary	Non-Pulmonary	Pulmonary	Non-Pulmonary	Total
Cases on Register 31st Dec., 1954	56	17	46	29	148
Cases notified during 1955	5	1	4	2	12
Cases added to Register other than by formal notification	2	1	3	—	6
Totals ...	63	19	53	31	166
Cases removed from Register during 1955 ...	2	—	3	1	6
Cases remaining on Register at 31st Dec., 1955	61	19	50	30	160

(b) **Particulars of persons removed from Register**

	MALES		FEMALES		
	Pulmonary	Non-Pulmonary	Pulmonary	Non-Pulmonary	Total
Died	—	—	—	—	—
Recovered	—	—	—	—	—
Left District ...	2	—	3	1	6
Totals ...	2	—	3	1	6

NEW CASES AND MORTALITY DURING 1955

Age Period	NEW CASES				DEATHS			
	MALES		FEMALES		MALES		FEMALES	
	Pulmonary	Non-Pulmonary	Pulmonary	Non-Pulmonary	Pulmonary	Non-Pulmonary	Pulmonary	Non-Pulmonary
0— 1 yrs.	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
1— 5 ,,	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—
5—15 ,,	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
15—25 ,,	—	—	2	—	—	—	—	—
25—35 ,,	1	—	1	—	—	—	—	—
35—45 ,,	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
45—55 ,,	1	—	1	1	—	—	—	—
55—65 ,,	1	1	—	—	—	—	—	—
Over 65 yrs.	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Totals.....	5	1	4	2	—	—	—	—

Total Number of Cases on the Register at 31st December 1955

Males ...	62	19
Females ...	50	30
Totals ...	112	49

FACTORIES ACTS, 1937 and 1948

Prescribed particulars on the administration of the Factories Act, 1937.

Part I of the Act

1. INSPECTIONS for purposes of provisions as to health (including inspections made by Sanitary Inspectors).

Premises 1	Number on register 2	Inspections 3	Number of Written notices 4	Occupiers prosecuted 5
(i) Factories in which Sec. 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5 are to be enforced by Local Authorities	28	33	—	—
(ii) Factories not included in (i) in which Sec. 7 is enforced by the Local Authority	76	102	—	—
(iii) Other premises in which Sec. 7 is enforced by the Local Authority (excluding outworkers' premises)	—	—	—	—
Total ...	104	135	—	—

Cases in which Defects were found

Particulars 1	No. of cases in which defects were found Found 2	Remedied 3	Referred to H.M. Insp. 4	Referred by H.M. Insp. 5	No. of cases in which proceedings were instituted 6
Want of cleanliness (S1)	—	—	—	—	—
Overcrowding (S2)	—	—	—	—	—
Unreasonable temp. (S3)	—	—	—	—	—
Inadequate vent. (S4) ...	—	—	—	—	—
Ineffective drainage of floors (S6)	—	—	—	—	—
Sanitary Conveniences (S7)					
(a) insufficient	—	—	—	—	—
(b) unsuitable or defective	—	—	—	—	—
(c) not separate for sexes	—	—	—	—	—
Other offences against the Act (not including offences relating to outwork)	1	—	—	—	—
Total	1	—	—	—	—